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FOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SULLIVAN FROM UNGER

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SUBJECT : FOOD CHAIN X PLANNING

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1. I HAVE JUST BEEN INFORMED BY ADMIRAL WEISNER THAT
WITHIN A WEEK OR SO HE WILL ASK TDC TO BEGIN PLANNING FOR
FOOD CHAIN X. HE SAID THAT HE WOULD INFO ME AND
"OTHERS," AND I HAVE SUGGESTED SPECIFICALLY THAT DEFENSE
AND STATE BE INFO ADDRESSEES. SINCE FOOD CHAIN PLANNING
IS JOINT TDC/ROC FROM THE BEGINNING, THE ROC WILL BE
LOOKING TO SEE WHAT WE SIGNAL BY THE TYPE OF PLANNING
TDC AND ROC ENGAGE IN. CINCPAC PREFERS AN OPERATION
LIKE FOOD CHAIN IX; WE CONTINUE TO PREFER A SMALLER
SCALE EXERCISE OR JOINT DEFENSE CONFERENCE. WHILE WE
CANNOT NOW FORESEE WHAT KIND OF OPERATION FOR NEXT YEAR
THE USG MIGHT CONCUR IN (REF A), WE SHALL HAVE TO DECIDE
SOON THE KIND WE NOW START PLANNING FOR. WE MUST EXPECT
THAT THIS PLANNING WILL GIVE SOME INDICATION ABOUT OUR
GENERAL INTENTIONS TO THE ROC AND PERHAPS ALSO TO THE PRC
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AS WELL AS THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

2. I WOULD SUGGEST THAT, IN ORDER TO CONVEY THE CORRECT
IMPRESSION TO THE ROC, WE SHOULD PERMIT PLANNING FOR A
LOWER SCALE OPERATION THIS YEAR WITHOUT OFF-ISLAND FLAG
RANK PARTICIPATION. SHOULD WE LATER WISH TO MOVE
FURTHER DOWN THE SCALE TO A JOINT DEFENSE CONFERENCE, IT

SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO DO SO. UNGER

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